



The Hongkong Telegraph.



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 1,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP 251,093.15

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Wm. Kewick, Esq., Chairman.
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Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and Shanghai.
Agents—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
AND Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.

CHARTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [199]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE
BANK OF INDIA, LONDON
AND CHINA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL 1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED 1,185,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital 1,000,000
Subscribed Capital 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chow Tung Shang, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., W. Wotton, Esq.,
C. J. Hirst, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai,
Amoy and Foochow.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS " " " "

Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [8]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD.
A SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 64 YEARS
STANDING, AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST
AND MOST PROGRESSIVE OF THE PROVI-
DENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM.

THE Standard has a long record of good
services to refer to; its Funds, annually
increasing, amount to £7,000,000 Stg.; the
Premiums are moderate; and all modern features
consistent with safety have been adopted.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong
679-5

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000. \$833,333.33.
EQUAL TO
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUK MOON, Esq.,
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.,
MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [86]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [173]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM BONUS of Twenty-Five
per Cent. upon Contributions for the
year 1892, has been Declared.
WARRANTS may be had on application at
the Office of the Society on and after the 6th
May.

By Order of the Board.
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th April, 1893. [498]

Intimations.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1865 AND 1890.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the
BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED,
will be held at No. 1, Duddell Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, on MONDAY, the 1st day of May, 1893,
at NOON, for the purpose of considering and if
thought fit passing the following resolution, that
is to say:—"That the Company be Wound-Up
voluntarily under the provisions of the Com-
panies Ordinances 1865 to 1890."
Dated 14th day of April, 1893.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
JNO. S. LAPRAIK,
Chairman.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the
"THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED," will be held at the OFFICES
of the COMPANY, No. 2, Queen's Road Central,
Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on
MONDAY, the 1st day of May, 1893, at 3
o'clock in the Afternoon, when the subject
Resolution will be proposed:—

That the first Subsection of Article 103 of the
Articles of Association of The China Fire
Insurance Company, Limited, with its
marginal note, be expunged, and that in
lieu thereof the following Subsection and
marginal note be inserted, viz:—
Invest-1st.—It may invest the Funds of the
Company in or upon English, Indian,
and Hongkong Government Stocks,
Bonds, and Funds, and in or upon the
Stocks, Bonds, Funds, and Securities of
any Foreign Government, Country, or
State, and upon Mortgage of freehold
or leasehold property in Hongkong or
elsewhere, and in or upon deposits
with or loans at interest to any Banking
Institutions wherever established, and
in or upon such other Securities as it
may in its discretion think fit, and may
from time to time convert or realize any
monies so invested and re-invest the
same in or upon any of the Securities
aforesaid as occasion requires.

By Order of the Board.
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1893. [435]

NOTICE.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the
CITY HALL, on THURSDAY, the 11th
day of May, proximo, at 5 P.M., for the purpose
of considering and determining upon the forma-
tion of a LOCAL ASSOCIATION, having for its
object the obtaining for the INHABITANTS
OF HONGKONG INCREASED POWERS in the
MANAGEMENT of all LOCAL AFFAIRS.

JNO. J. FRANCIS,
Chairman, Provisional Committee.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1893. [505]

THE JELERU MINING AND TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND of Ten per Cent. for the
Half-year ended 16th February, 1893,
having been Declared, COUPON No. 6, is
PAYABLE at the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA in Hongkong and Singa-
pore on and after TO-DAY, as follows:—
Lit A for 10 Shares with \$25.00
" B " " " \$10.00
" C " " " \$2.50

HUTTENBACH BROS. & Co.
General Agents.

Singapore, 22nd April, 1893. [503]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.
AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP
SHARES of this Company will be
TRANSFERRED on which the Calls on the
NEW SHARES standing in the same Name
remain Unpaid.

By Order, R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [444]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all
kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs
and Collars renewed on old ones.
Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing,
Ladies' Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery,
Materials can be supplied, if required.
The Superiores will also be most grateful for
any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into
Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who
are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [493]

DR. KNOX'S

"LION BRAND"

ANTI-PYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROCH.)

IS the most approved and most efficacious
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MI-
GRANE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM,
FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE,
ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and
many other complaints. It is also the very
best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the
Medical Faculty. Ask for Dr. KNOX'S
ANTI-PYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's
signature "Dr. KNOX" in red letters.

"DERMATOL" is the best Veterinary; its
effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds,
is described as amazing.
To be had at every reputed Chemist and
Druggist.
Supplies constantly on hand at The China
Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for
China.

Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [400]

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

SALTERS' CELEBRATED BLACK GUT
TENNIS BATS.

AYRES' 1893 CHAMPIONSHIP
TENNIS BALLS.

SALTERS' ALL BUCK, RED RUBBER
TENNIS SHOES.

TENNIS NETS AND POLES.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1893. [7]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

FOR SALE.

CALCUTTA-MADE

SUN HATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1893. [1071]

W. ROBINSON & Co.

(UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL) HONGKONG.

PIANO TUNING.

SATISFACTORY WORK GUARANTEED.

SINGLE TUNING \$5.00.
6 TUNINGS A YEAR \$25.00 PER ANNUM.
12 do. do. \$48.00 do.

INCLUDING MINOR REPAIRS AND THE KEEPING OF THE PIANO IN GOOD
ORDER AND CONDITION.

PIANOS BOUGHT, SOLD OR TAKEN IN EXCHANGE, PACKED, REMOVED AND
STORED.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1893. [581]

W. POWELL & CO.

LADIES' GENTLEMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S

CALCUTTA
PITH HATS,

COVERED IN ANY MATERIAL TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

OLD PITH HATS RECOVERED.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [6]

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremila"—A. B. C. Code—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Paddlers' Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.
The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.
A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour
adjoins the Hotel, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

R. TUCKER
Manager. [108]

W. BREWER.

QUEEN'S ROAD.

SLAZENGER'S DEMON TENNIS BATS.
CHAMPION TENNIS BATS.

ALLIANCE TENNIS BATS.

WIMBLEDON TENNIS BATS.

FAVORITE, FALCON, &c.

SPECIAL BLACK GUT BATS. AYRES' REGULATION TENNIS BALLS.

SLAZENGER & SONS' 1893 BALLS. FAULTLESS UNDERSEWN and other BALLS.

FOOTBALLS. BOYS' CRICKET SETS. PARLOUR SKITTLES and other Games.

TENNIS BELTS for Ladies and Gentlemen.
TENNIS SHOES (Renshaw's) both Ladies and Gentlemen.

GUIDE TO HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1891. [40]

Intimations.

HONGKONG CORINTHIAN SAILING
CLUB.

THERE will be a GENERAL MEETING of
the above Club, at 6 P.M. TO-MORROW,
the 27th Instant, in the GYMNASIUM of the
Victoria Recreation Club.
Notice of Motion to be sent to Hon. Sec.,
Hon. Long Corinthian Sailing Club.

F. LINDSAY LLOYD, F.E.,
Honorary Secretary,
Hongkong Corinthian Sailing Club.
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [484]

STEAM WATER-BOATS.

SHIPS Supplied with FRESH WATER for
BOILERS and DOMESTIC PURPOSES
with despatch.

J. W. KEW & Co.,
and Floor,
18, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 20th April, 1893. [483]

NOTICE.

DIVING.

AN experienced man seeks an engagement
as a DIVER, either as an "OPER-
ATIVE" or in charge of a DIVING PARTY.
Fully acquainted with all latest improvements
in sub-marine craft, Telephone, Lamp-work
&c.

Slab and Gorman's apparatus (Double or
single Pump) can be provided.
Breakwater and Pier Work a Specialty.
The "Salvage of Cargo and Removal
of Works under water in any locality."
References regarding work executed in the
North Atlantic, Mediterranean and China Seas
can be seen.

DETONATOR.
c/o Office of the Hongkong Telegraph.
Hongkong, 28th March, 1893. [392]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public
that he has bought from the Official
Trustee the GOODWILL and STOCK-IN-
TRADE of the TEEN YIK OIL SHOP, No.
44, Bosham Street West, and that he will
carry on the same Business in the same place
and under the same Style.

MOW TACK.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1893. [454]

油牛益天辦永德茂

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY,

THE MIKE COAL is a

BITUMINOUS COAL

of dark reddish color. For steam purposes
it has been pronounced to be the best and the
most economical of all the Japanese Coals. Its
export is increasing yearly, and the opinions
expressed by several of the largest regular
consumers are in testimony of the excellent
qualities of this coal.

Attention is called to the following advantages
to Ship's Owners and Captains, who coal their
bunkers direct from the Undersigned:—

FRESHNESS of the coal.

UNIFORMITY of quality.

FREEDOM from impurities.

Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.

Quick despatch.

BEST of weight, etc., etc.

SOLE AGENTS.

9th September, 1892. [890]

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,

Sole Agents.

9th September, 1892. [890]

KING WO CHEONG.

COAL MERCHANTS. SHIP'S COMPRA-
DORES, STEVEDORES, &c.

Have for Sale a cargo of pure AKAIKI COAL,
ex GODOWN and ex SHIP.

MR. J. W. BOYD, Superintendent at
Kowloon Docks, reports that AKAIKI
COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER
RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever
used.

For full particulars as to price, &c.,
Apply to

KING WO CHEONG,
No. 32, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1893. [187]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE Company's Steamer

"PHRA NANG,"

Captain W. H. Watton, will be despatched for
the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 27th Inst.,
at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1893. [497]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON,
HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE,"

Captain F. Davies, R.N.R., will be despatched
as above TO-MORROW, the 27th Instant, at
Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1893. [284]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

Captain G. A. Taylor, will be despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 27th Instant, at
5 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric
Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1893. [502]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

THE Norwegian Steamer

"NANKING,"

Captain N. Sorensen, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 27th Instant, at
4 P.M. instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
KING WO CHEONG,
No. 32, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1893. [493]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"

Captain J. G. Ollent, will be despatched for the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 28th Instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1893. [489]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY.

UNDER MAIL CONTRACT

Fertilizations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.

STEAM PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

The **PRODUCT.**—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & CO., LD.,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, [38]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.



CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery, of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

"BOMBAY SODAS."

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS. whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For **COAST PORTS**, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Emplies when received in good condition.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied free on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER
SODA WATER
LEMONADE
POTASH WATER
SELTZER WATER
LITHIA WATER
SARSAPARILLA WATER
TONIC WATER
LEMON SQUASH
GINGER ALE
RASPBERRYADE
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
51 The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1893.

GOVERNMENT versus PEOPLE.

The Hongkong Telegraph has been for over ten years hammering at the solid rock of blank indifference in local politics, and though it takes an incredibly wearisome amount of "constant dropping" to wear away the stone, at last there is a sign of some good resulting, a welcome encouragement which deserves critical examination. A public meeting has been summoned, by Mr. J. J. FRANCIS, C.C., as Chairman of a provisional committee of residents, to be held in the City Hall to-morrow fortnight, with the object of forming an association of some sort for the purpose of obtaining for the ratepayers a voice in the disposal of the money which they have to provide. What will probably come of this step? And what, on the other hand, ought to be the result if every opportunity is fully utilized? So many warnings, altogether too true in the end, have been unheeded, that it requires the subtlety of Ulysses rather than the good faith of Cassandra to gain the ear of the heterogeneous attacking force in the present struggle in Hongkong.

The ratepayers' cause is clear enough. One grievance is that Hongkong has been forced to pay some 14 1/2 per cent. of its revenue for defences which are of purely imperial necessity, and which in many other colonies—especially where geographical causes the British Government has more reason to be cautious of opposing beyond endurance the vastly preponderating alien population—are mainly or wholly borne by the Imperial exchequer. A second grievance is that nearly a quarter of the total revenue is spent on salaries of officials who, if turned loose to earn their living in the commonsense world of business, would

hardly be able to command coolie wages. Thousands of intelligent and capable men could be found in England who would be glad to fill any of our 87,000 a year berths at £5 a week. The third grievance is really the root of the whole trouble: the official majority in the Legislative Council. As long as the supreme power is in the hands of a few Civil Service Irremovables, it is useless to talk of Sanitary Boards, Municipal Councils, Ratepayers' Associations, or anything else on earth except as a means to elect the obstruction. When an Oriental cart-driver finds his bullocks sit down in the middle of the road and refuse to stir, does he argue with them? Does he make representations to the cart-rearers, in Downing Street or elsewhere? Does he try to go ahead and leave the bullocks till he is tired, and if that has no effect he calmly sits down and lights a fire under their ribs. This irresistible logic would apply to the Hongkong Official Phalanx. Plain reasoning has no effect on them—the questions at issue are too simple to penetrate their brains. Therefore it has become necessary—the only alternative, in fact—to drive them from their stronghold of stubborn density by some means which cannot fail.

The danger in this case is that inexplicable disunion which has always been such a glaring blot on the Hongkong community as almost to deprive us of any claim to sympathy in our evil plight. Nothing can ever be done as long as so many different ideas are pushed forward, so many personal animosities and petty jealousies are cherished, so many half-hearted toadies have a voice in the matter. There are some of our most prominent citizens, men who were expected to come to the front boldly as leaders in this campaign against our obsolete autocracy, who hang back, pleading various excuses, but really disliking to join even in a popular movement with some *persona ingrata*; or fearing to say publicly what they honestly think and privately whisper about the Government, for fear of losing a profitable business connection; or unwilling to drop their own superior schemes in favour of one which all would support. Some, too, there are who, if as the Governor said "The sun looks black," would at once hasten to expound their reasons for knowing that the Hongkong climate was so peculiar that the sun never could be its own original colour here. These men must be avoided—if they support honest and reasonable measures, well and good; if they wish to direct, they must be kept at their distance. One leader must be chosen, one in whom the ratepayers can trust, one who will combine vigour with sense; and he must be supported to the end, at any cost.

TELEGRAMS.

SPAIN AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.

MADRID, April 25th.
The Duke of Veragua, advance envoy of Spain to the Chicago Columbian Exhibition, has arrived at New York.

CHOLERA IN FRANCE.

Cholera is spreading in France, in an easterly direction.

THE FRANCHISE IN BELGIUM.

The election excitement in Belgium over the universal suffrage question is developing into an actual revolution.

OFFICIAL EFFICIENCY.

April 17th.
In the Senate to-day a petition was presented asking for the prosecution of the ex-mayor of Madrid, Don Alberto Bosch. This is the sequel of the memorial sent in by Senor Dora, embodying the report on his periodical inspection of the affairs of the Madrid municipality.

BELGIUM PACIFIED.

April 19th.
The Belgian Parliament has passed the universal suffrage bill, and peace is now restored.

MOROCCO.

The Sultan of Morocco is seriously ill.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The City of Rio de Janeiro came off of dock yesterday.

The Italian ghost boat *Curlatona* left yesterday afternoon for Shanghai.

A comic paper called *La Sattira* is to commence publication in Manila next month.

H.M.S. *Plover* left yesterday for Amoy and the North, calling at Sand Island (Peicodores) and probably at Tai-wan-foo.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver yesterday morning, for this port.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Arctic*, from Australia, left Port Darwin yesterday, for this port.

"THE Philippines Mineral Syndicate, Limited," has just been floated in London, with a capital of £50,000, to work gold and other mines in the North Camarines Islands.

The Singapore *Free Press* gravely observes that a "Roman Catholic" newspaper is to be launched in that town. We should have thought that the *Straits Times* was sufficiently catholic for any community.

WRITING on the canvas of grey hair the N. Y. *Commercial Advertiser* observes:—Grey hair is so common now that one wonders what it comes from. Young men have it in profusion, and young women are very proud when they have a collar of white grey hair as a prominent part. We attribute the prevalence of grey hair to frequent cutting and wash. The doctors speak of inherent tendencies and old women gabble of early palsy, but soap and the barber do more towards it also. The singeing of hair is done to prevent the oils exuding from the ends of clipped hairs, and *allegedly* in this regard better than cutting. But *allegedly* is a word for the worst factors. Many persons say ammonia when washing their hair and it enters into all shampoo mixtures. It is also an ingredient of most soaps. It dries up the scalp and robs the hair of all its moisture. That is where most of the grey hair of 19 days comes from.

H.M.S. *Penguin*, after being thoroughly overhauled for re-commissioning, went out yesterday for a few hours' trial trip with satisfactory results.

The Pope said the other day, "I feel myself as young as Mr. Gladstone." The Premier is two months older than the lively "ancient Roman."

On the 22nd inst. a steamer was signalled trying to make the port of Manila under sail being then about ten miles south-west of the entrance. No later news is yet to hand.

The *concertation* and exhibition of the "Old Volumes" at the City Hall to-morrow night promise to be a splendid success. The musical programme alone is a great attraction. By the way, the reformers have not been forgotten.

The latest small-pox returns from Japan show 108 new cases and 154 deaths in Osaka for the first 10 days in this month, making a total of 2,394 cases and 1,099 deaths from the 1st January last. In Nagasaki Prefecture 67 new cases and 19 deaths were reported from the 1st to the 6th instant.

"The real reason why my wife wants a divorce," Judge, protested the defendant in the case, "is that I couldn't buy her a new dress when she wanted it because I had to pay some unexpected lodge assessments and she—"

"You belong to a lodge, do you?"

"Sit off them your Honor, and the judge—"

"The divorce is granted. Call the next case."

THE *Diario de Manila*, commenting on the report in the Japanese papers that Major Fukushima has nearly finished his transcontinental feat of equestrianism, and is shortly expected to arrive in Japan from St. Petersburg on his sturdy steed, expresses mild wonder as to how the man is going to cross the sea from Siberia or Korea to Japan on horseback. To this the *Comercio* gravely replies:—"Esteemed colleague, he won't. His horse is not a balloon, nor a steamer; and the *leguista* will have to be negotiated in orthodox manner!"

Now that the pleasant summer evenings are beginning to draw out large numbers of residents to hear the excellent band of the Shropshire Regiment playing in the barracks square and at the Officers' Mess, we beg to suggest that somebody might confer the very great boon on the public by placing seats at convenient and unobtrusive spots, say under the trees on the east side of Murray Road, or somewhere in the vicinity. When the officers of the regiment provide such a pleasant and popular entertainment surely the community could afford the means to enjoy it.

THE three officers of the steamship *Charters Towers* (which is likely to be in dock for some time yet) signed off this afternoon. It was expected that there would be a marine court of enquiry on the recent very expensive stranding, but we understand that the owners and agents were more than satisfied with the conduct of the captain and the officers, who appear to have acted splendidly. It is rumoured, by the way, that the "happy family" on board did not harmonize; but as we have heard only one side of the story, it is impossible, because it would be unfair, for us to say who is to blame.

It is understood, says the Singapore *Free Press*, that Capt. Butler, of the 10th, who has just come out to his battalion here, is a good rifle shot. It was hoped that he might be able to afford the Singapore team the benefit of his assistance in the forthcoming match with Hongkong and Shanghai, but we understand that his duties at present do not allow of that. "It is a little remarkable that only this officer's arrival, the Singapore cricket team in that the *Comet* has gone, has been without any officer who has gone in for shooting sufficiently to permit of trying for a place in the team. This is quite unlike Hongkong, which has a fair number of officers who have taken a very creditable position in the prize lists of the recent Rifle Meeting held in the sister Colony.

A PRIVATE letter recently received here, remarks the *Nagasaki Express*, from a well-known foreign resident in Seoul, who is in a position to speak with authority, says:—"Remnants of war, placards, and other semi-strange things are rife in the Korean capital, and the Government would be glad to see a foreign gun-boat at Chemulpo." Since the receipt of the above we learn that H.B.M.S. *Seymour* and H.J.M.S. *Yuyama Kan* have arrived at Chemulpo, and were expected to be followed speedily by the *U.S.S. Porpoise*. It is rumoured here that the anticipated trouble is in some way connected with the claim which Japan is trying to enforce upon Korea for damages alleged to have been sustained by Japanese merchants at Gusan through the government prohibiting the export of grain some time ago.

OUR ancient and highly esteemed friend Alfred S. Dyer still goes merrily on in his crusade against the evils of opium and other social blemishes of a more or less delicate nature, and in connection with an anti-opium meeting held in Exeter Hall on the 21st ult., thus lets himself loose in the *Sentinel*:—"The Rev. Webb-Peploe proposed several resolutions and concluded his remarks by drawing a striking word-picture of an Englishman, detailing the facts about these three great evils (opium, wine and women) to an angelic visitant to this earth, and then trying to persuade him that the same man who produced the evils was the friend of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 'The angel,' said the speaker, 'would cover his face with his wings and exclaim, 'MY GOD! WHAT A LIFE!'"

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board on Thursday, April 27th, at 4 1/2 p.m. the following Agenda—1. Reports.—A. Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for the year 1892. B. Superintendent for the year 1892. C. Sanitary Board for the year 1892. D. Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for the first quarter 1893. E. Surveyor for the first quarter 1893. F. Mortality Returns for the weeks ended the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd April, 1893. G. Surveyor's reports on the condition of the house-drains of—A. 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 31, Hollywood Road; and 44 and 46, Lyndhurst Terrace. B. 2, Robinson Road. C. 15, Arbuthnot Road. D. 2, 8 and 10, Cheong Lane and a Tank Lane. E. 30 to 44 (even Nos.) Aberdeen St. F. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000.

A HOME paper thusly:—"A curious instance of the exciting effect produced upon blue-jackets, even in mimic warfare, is found in the report of the umpires of the last Naval Manoeuvres, now presented to both Houses of Parliament by her Majesty's command. During an attack in which the British fleet was the victor, the men ran so high that to avoid encounters, and probable loss of life, it was found necessary to restrain the action which might otherwise have been taken by the guard-boats even during peace manoeuvres. In one case, it will be remembered, a small boat was sunk by a collision with a hostile steam launch, which, after rescuing the crew, beat a hasty retreat. But when the captured blue-jackets found that they were to be regarded as prisoners, they to a man jumped overboard and swam about until a pursuing boat of their own side picked them up. Like true Britons, they determined 'never, never, never' would be slaves!"

An Explanation—"Papa," asked Willie, "what is phenomenal?" "It is phenomenal," my son," explained Mr. Wicpate, "when a lawyer is content with a nominal fee."

At the Magistrate's court Mr. H. E. Wodehouse fined a flor named Arthur Deason \$2 for assaulting the police. Wonder if this scolding Demon is related to the Storm Fiend?

The total Customs returns for the open ports of the Philippines (Manila, Iloilo, Cebu, and Zamboanga) during February, 1893, amounted to \$743,927.97, being \$41,937.78 less than last year.

COLONEL Robert G. Ingersoll was recently at the close of his lecture on Robert Burns approached by a Scotchman, who said, "Colonel, the title of your lecture should be the epiphany on your tombstone." "How is that?" asked the orator. "Robert Burns," replied the Scot.

THE *Charleston News and Courier* remarks it is a rather striking fact that all the members of Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet are of Scotch or English ancestry. Colonel Lamont's name, that paper further states, is the only one that suggests a different origin, but his forefathers were Scotch.

At the Magistrate's court a Chinese boarding-house runner was sent to jail for six months by Mr. Wodehouse for deceiving two coolies from Canton to Hongkong and attempting to get them to emigrate against their will. Brother "Brownie," where is your "Peruvian bark" just now?

MR. Gladstone once said that he would not characterize a certain statement, which one of the honorable members of the House of Commons had made, as a falsehood, for that would be discourteous. But he would venture to state, however, that the remark was as destitute of truth as if it had been a falsehood.

It may not be generally known that an act of Parliament was made in the reign of Edward III prohibiting any one from being served, at dinner or supper, with more than two courses, except upon some great holiday therein specified, in which he may be served with three. This act has never been repealed and is therefore still in force.

New President:—I don't see why you charge me double rates since I have come to live at the Peak. I paid the same as everybody else when I lived down below.

Granny Smart:—"Well, look at your respirative organs—double the ordinary. You don't get air like ours at the Peak for nothing!"

PERHAPS the smallest independent legislative body in the world is the single house of Montserrat, composed of eight members—four appointed and four elected. The upper house of the Bermudas numbers nine, as does the Senate of Delaware. Even the tiny republic of Andorra has twenty-four members in its single legislative house. Among legislative assemblies the United States House of Representatives is about eleventh.

On account of the late hour at which advertisements and other communications continue to reach this office we have to again remind advertisers and others that the *Telegraph* is published each evening at 5 p.m. or thereabouts. Last evening's issue was being circulated throughout Hongkong a few minutes after five o'clock and at 5.30 a "proof" of the Volunteer Carbine Competition was sent us (at the request of the writer, of course) from the *China Mail* office. No doubt that hour would have been early enough for the *Telegraph*, but not for the *Telegraph*. We would be much obliged if, in future, senders of "copy" intended all papers would be left in the mind and address their communications to us in time.

THE value of kerosene consumed in Japan remarks the *Hogo News*, amounts annually to over 7,000,000 *yen*. The oil is nearly all imported, the home produce being only about 200,000 *yen* in value. The country is, however, not wanting in oil-producing districts, such as Sagara in the province of Totsu and Kasai. Sagara in the province of Echigo. Whether the oil wells in these districts can produce sufficiently and remuneratively so as to do away with the necessity of imports is being seriously inquired into by two wealthy merchants of Osaka, Messrs. Noda and Miyano. These two gentlemen started for the oil districts a few days since, for the purpose of making actual investigations. If they find the oil sources satisfactory, they intend to invest a large sum in this new scheme.

PAIR CRITICS IN NEW MEXICO.
Two maidens sat in the parquet chairs,
In their nearest gown arrayed,
And viewed the actors with cold-cut stares,
As they murdered the piece they played.
One was a Santa Fe girlish sprite
Whose slang in soft accents rolled,
The other a sweet Las Vegasite,
Of the true Bostonian mould.

"It's rotten," the ancient city maid
Exclaimed, "By the blooming gods
A sotten drama was never played
By a rotten lot of frauds!"
"I agree with you there," said the Vegas girl,
As her opera-glass she closed,
And brushed into place a turtled curl—
"It is frightfully decomposed."
—New York Clipper.

A PARLIAMENTARY paper has been issued showing the various services for which a vote on account is required for the year ending March 31, 1894. The total asked for is £4,999,652, of which amount £500,000 is for Royal Palaces; £15,000 for Royal Parks; £6,000 for Houses of Parliament; £5,000 for Art and Science Buildings; and £3,000 for Revenue Department Buildings; while £3,000 is required for Public Buildings generally. Treasury and Subordinate Departments require £1,000, and the Home Office £60,000. One million is devoted to Public Education for England and Wales, and £170,000 for Scotland; £100,000 is absorbed by each of the three Revenue Departments—Customs, Inland Revenue, and Post Office; and £15,000 is devoted to Post Office Telegraphs. Ireland takes £30,000 for Constabulary, £20,000 for Dublin Metropolitan Police, £12,000 for Law Charges, and £20,000 for Prisons.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Chief Justice Fielding Clarke.)

April 26th.

MORE FORFEITING.

In the matter of N. J. Eds against A. C. Gordon & Co., Mr. H. E. Pollock, instructed by Mr. Ellis (Wolton & Deacon) appeared for the plaintiff, and defendant was not represented. Mr. Pollock said:—"May it please your lordship, in this suit leave has been granted to plaintiff to proceed *ex parte*. It is a suit by plaintiff for the foreclosure of certain premises which were mortgaged to him by defendants to secure payment of a loan of \$60,000 and interest at 7 per cent. The premises were—1st, Sec. 10 of Island Lot 72. His lordship:—Yes, I know—I have read the affidavits. I think you are entitled to a decree.

Decree issued, to take effect in six months' time, unless the matter is previously arranged.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before Mr. E. J. Acredy, Pitane Judge.)

THE DEBTOR'S PRISON.

In the matter of the bankrupt Ng Sau Fong's application for release from gaol, as reported yesterday, his lordship gave judgment as follows:—

In this case I have since yesterday morning looked at the bankruptcy file, and I find that the execution creditor, who now seeks to detain the bankrupt in prison, has proved his debt, and received a dividend thereon. Such being the case, all proceedings in the suit in Summary Jurisdiction must be stayed. (Sec. 135, Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1864.) There need be no formal entry of a relinquishment, but the mere fact of proving his claim and receiving a dividend operates as a relinquishment, and all proceedings in the Summary Court must be stayed. The execution creditor had no right whatever to arrest this man. I will have the suit called, and upon a motion made for the discharge of the defendant from gaol, he will be released at once. With respect to the Bankruptcy case, I will grant the bankrupt protection for one month, and he must take in that time the necessary steps to procure his discharge from the court, or such steps as he may resolve upon.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

The case in which Ng Sau Fong figured as defendant (above referred to) was then called. Mr. Denny appearing for defendant. Sol Kat appeared as a member of the plaintiff firm (Kwok Tun).

His lordship informed Sol Kat that, as the plaintiff's firm had proved in bankruptcy and received a dividend, the Summary Court suit could not proceed. Plaintiffs could, however, move the Bankruptcy Court to examine into bankrupt's conduct, and if the bankrupt was proved guilty of any act of bad faith or of keeping property from the creditors, the Bankruptcy Court would inflict proper punishment; but as plaintiffs had proved in bankruptcy, the Summary Court could do nothing at all.

"MUD" AND "WATER."

What a pitiable spectacle poor "Brownie" presented last night! In the *Snail* of the 24th a correspondent who is either a waiter or a fool—or both, "got at" him badly and over the *nom de plume* of "Water" advanced the theory that when Price found the Tyrim reservoir had a big hole at the bottom of it he proceeded to stop the leak with Whampoa mud! And this mud, contended the facetious "Water," had either been stolen or had strayed or had disappeared somewhere: hence the existing water famine. And in last night's *Snail* Mr. J. Orange, Mr. J. C. E., must needs rush into the breach, and seriously and solemnly deny that "Whampoa mud" had been used. So between "Water" throwing mud at the responsible authorities and Mr. Orange throwing it all back again at "Water" poor "Brown

"Poor Teddy!" said his wife, carelessly, and put out a frightened hand to him.

For the first time since that exchange of glances upon his entrance, Derracott's eyes rested momentarily upon her face. An obscure and furtive look of inquiry there, and, as his gaze dwelt steadily upon her, flashed swiftly into open panic. Her head dropped slightly forward, poised over against him as a bird before a serpent; his glance passed on and touched the man. Harland was fingering his moustache; he pulled out his watch. "By Jove!" he exclaimed, "I'd no notion it was so late. Mrs. Derracott, you must forgive me. Well, old chap, and he made as though to rise, 'you're too tired, I suppose, to have a game, so I'll be off; I won't keep you up.'"

Derracott's muscles softened; his body breathed with warm life again.

"Not yet," he said; "I'll give you a game before you go. Only my wife had better go to bed. Come, Lucy! it's beyond your hour!"

The woman, straightening herself in her chair, regarded them both with frantic eyes; terror had sat upon her visage since last her husband had looked upon her. She rose with difficulty and opened her mouth. Some cry hung unuttered on that tongue; some prayer was contained inarticulate behind those secret, trembling lips. She moved mechanically to Harland, with an outstretched hand, stopped, sighed deeply, and left the room without a word. Harland, from the edge of his seat, watched his host with doubt, but the gray face of the latter and his welled eyes spoke of nothing but great weariness.

"We will drink first," he said.

He filled two glasses from the decanter upon the table. Harland's hand shook at his lips, but he drained the glass and laughed.

"Now for this game, my boy," he said, cheerfully. Derracott, whose fingers were playing with his brimming wine-glass, made no response, and Harland examined him anxiously.

"You're very much depressed, old chap," he said, after a space of silence; then he hesitated and his eyes suddenly lightened. "It's not money?"

"I don't mind your knowing," said Derracott; "I owe you close on five thousand, and there's some twenty thousand elsewhere."

"Derracott," said Harland, leaning towards his companion with insouciance, "cross out that five, and I'll stand in for the twenty."

The ashes of the fire collapsed in the silence that ensued; Derracott's face never moved; he turned the shank of the glass between his fingers.

"That's a generous offer," he said.

"Generous be damned!" returned Harland, gaily. "It's nothing to me, and we're old pals and—"

"Twenty-five thousand, as the market goes, is, I suppose, a generous price for honour," broke in Derracott, with an air of meditation.

The vestiges of colour ran from Harland's cheeks; his eyes encountered across the table; no words passed, but in that mute question and its vacant answer, as it were, the position of the combatants was acknowledged and defined. With a thin breath, almost stifled, Harland waited for the other, whose eyes were still upon him. Derracott squared his elbows on the table.

"Yes," said he; "and now for this game."

Beneath the calm surface of his manner, Derracott was at the white heat of fury. Faint by his forceful jealousy, his mind converging full upon this sudden horror, he sat, with quiet eyes and face of stone, stalking ever nearer to his flustered quarry.

"I think," he resumed presently, "that I ought to make my own rules in this game. His voice rang with a note of unconcern, even casualness."

Harland shrugged his shoulders. "I have nothing to say," said he.

Derracott rose softly, took some note-paper from a writing-table, and scribbled some seconds upon it. Then he handed the paper across the table. What Harland read was as follows:

"I, Edward Derracott, being in the full possession of my senses, have decided to put an end to my life. It has become too much to bear. My debts have involved me too deeply, and I am tired of the struggle. I have no strength to go on. May God be with me. Forgive me, Lucy. I have told you that there seems no way out but this. Let others take warning by my fate. The turf is accursed. God help me."

Harland inquired of the writer with his eyes, and the latter pointed at the pen and ink. "Write one like it," he said, "but with your name and according to your circumstances."

Harland's jaw dropped suddenly; he took up the pen. When he had finished, he passed the paper to Derracott, who nodded and rose.

"Put it in your pocket," said he. "At this hour, the park will serve our purpose."

He drew a brace of pistols from a drawer, and motioned to his companion, descended the stairs. The chill December moon shone frostily upon the crisp grass of the square as the two made their way in silence to a central bower of evergreens, the haunt of children at their hide-and-seek throughout the afternoons.

"I think," said Derracott, in his suave, passionless voice, "that here is the proper theatre for our little comedy."

He handed a pistol to his adversary.

"Twenty-five thousand!" he murmured. "There is no need of supposititious witnesses. We two can play out our hands. Twenty-five thousand is a generous offer."

"I'll hand, with its weapon close grasped, hung at his side.

"If you are resolved to end this thing in this way," said Harland, hoarsely, "there's no help for it. What are you going to do?"

"According to my idea of the game," said Derracott, as if by rote. "We should have the option of firing at two paces or approaching at the signal. You may have observed it was on the stroke of one when we left. Perhaps you will be good enough to take the chuck-bell as a word of command."

Harland made no answer, but took his station in the circle. Derracott put his back against a tree and waited. The faint sound of a remote clock rose from the distance and vibrated on the stillness. Harland steadied his arm before him, but Derracott stirred not. A moment intervened of dreadful silence—to Harland a space of hours—and then a heavy bell boomed from the clock-tower of the branch church. A pistol cracked, and a withering branch snapped on the tree by Derracott's head. He himself laughed gently, and marched slowly forward to the spot where stood Harland waiting for his death. Smilingly he regarded his victim.

"Twenty-five thousand!" said he. "It was a notable bid. But I think my solution was the better. My good sir," he said, "the exigencies of this game demanded that I should be free of all corners' court; hence the confusion of suicide in your pocket."

He held out the pistol; Harland, his face sickly white, made a gesture of impatience. For a second he looked into Derracott's eyes, Derracott waved for a breath of time; and then, clapping the barrel to the man's heart, pulled the trigger.

The body sank in a heap at Derracott's feet. He watched it huddle limply among the damp and yellow leaves, noted its open eyes and its pallid, moonlit face. He bent over the dead man; his pulse throbed riotously.

"Twenty-five thousand!" he muttered, in a thin, dry whisper; "a generous offer for my honour. He laughed. He might have told me before he went how much he gave for beer."

—American Paper.

"ACCORDING TO COPY."

"Horror, what an obscure hand you write!" said the literary editor to the new space writer, as he turned in a bit of poetry.

"Oh, it's plain enough," interjected the poet, haughtily. "The rhymes and the metre will help the compositor out, and there'll not be the least bit of trouble if they just follow copy."

And the manuscript went bustling up the tube to the composing-room.

"Sa-ay, what chump has been sending in the Chinese laundry bill for copy?" wildly yelled out Frame 22, wiping a sudden burst of perspiration from his forehead and glaring at his last take. "I can't make head or tail out of this thing!"

"Well, Chinese or no Chinese," cried the hurrying foreman, "make whatever you can out of it, and send it up in mighty short order, for we're late now."

And the type fairly jumped from the case into the stick.

"Good Caesar!" gasped the proof-reader, clutching at his brow. "Are my eyes falling, or is this a premonition of nervous prostration?" Then he rubbed his eyes and stared. "By the gods, either I've got the blind s'ggers or Frame 22's on a royal toot!"

At that instant a scream came down the spout: "Rush the proof along, for heaven's sake! We're late!"

The proof-reader groaned, galloped down the column, hesitated, and then desperately thrust the slip into the tube, huskily murmuring, "I compared it with the copy; and that's as near as I can get to Hebrew these days!"

That night the new space writer hurriedly wrapped up a copy of the issue, without a glance, and dropped it into the mail, with this brief note:—

"My Onliest Sweet and Dearest Marie,—I send you a number of the Sunday supplement containing my little poem. Your face was an ever-present inspiration to me when I wrote, and happy thoughts of you inspired every sentence. Here you will find expressed what I have felt toward you but have hardly dared to voice before. Till death, etc."

Miss Marie Cortlandt Van Clifton glanced through the tender note, blushed with pleasure, and hurriedly opening the paper, read:—

To Marie.

"When the breeze from the blue-bottle's [last]ing billow
Twirls the toads in a tooroomaloo,
And the whistly whine of the wheddesome whim
Drowns the roll of the rattatattoo,
Then I dream in the shade of the shilly-go-shee,
And the voice of the ballymoley
Brings the smell of stale poppy-cods blummed in
In blue,
From the willy-wad over the way,
Ah, the shuddering shoo and the blinkety-blanks
When the yungling falls from the bough,
In the blast of a hurricane's blickety-banks,
On the hills of the hocketty-how!
Give the ringamarole to the clangery-wang,
If they care for such fiddle-dee;
But the blingumbob kiss of the whangery-bang
Keeps the higgledy-piggledy for me.
Lenvol.

"It is piliy-po-diddle and alligobung
When the lolly-pop covers the ground,
Yet the piddiddle perishes punkety-pung
When the heart jimmy-coggles around,
If the soul cannot snoop at the giggledy-some cart,
Seeking eggs in the gluggedy-glug,
It is useless to say to the pulsating heart,
'Fanky-doodle ker chuggedy-chug.'"

The new space writer and Miss Marie Cortlandt Van Clifton are not engaged now.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*

MIXED METAPHOR.

"At a recent meeting in London, an impassioned speaker roused the audience to enthusiasm by exclaiming: 'Like the soldiers at Waterloo, we hear the boom of the coming contest. Then let us brave up our sails, look to the guns, and rally on the warpath with our invincible Captain on the bridge.'"

This patriotic orator would surely have offered a warm welcome to his brother, who, in slightly chauvinistic style, declared that 'the British Lion, whether climbing the pine forests of Canada or scouring the Pacific main, would not draw in its horns, nor retire into its shell.'"

A London Conservative candidate, in the recent contest, said that 'the Irish party, headless itself, would sit upon the head of the Liberal party, and hold it powerless to the hollow of its hand.'"

This striking feat was at least matched last year by a member of the Liberal party, who, speaking in the House of Commons against a certain measure of the then Government, indignantly said: 'The right honorable gentleman is trying to thrust his bill down our throats behind our back!'

Another anatomical derangement was that involved in the remark of a woman who was discussing with a friend the character of a young man, son of a distinguished father, well known to both of them.

"For my part," said one, "I think Fred is very bright and capable. I am confident he will succeed."

"Yes," replied the other, "he is certainly a worthy young man, but I doubt whether he has head enough to fill his father's shoes."

It is to be hoped that Fred's head was in the right place, not where his feet ought to be.

Speakers in the House of Commons have often entangled themselves in the coils of too abundant metaphor, and have been thereby brought to oratorical grief. Every one has heard of the Irishman who solemnly warned an opponent, "I smell a rat, I see it floating in the air, but let the right honorable member beware, or I shall nip it in the bud."

Scott has recorded that Lord Castlereagh once declared in the House that "Ministers were not to look on like crocodiles, with their hands in their breeches' pockets, doing nothing."

One of the leaders of the French Commune of 1871, Citizen Groussot, writing, last year, on the anniversary of that ill-starred attempt at social revolution, said: "In less than twenty-one years the programme of Paris, watered with the blood of martyrs, has blossomed in the conscience of humanity."

Another individual, of somewhat similar political proclivities, was reported to have said, not long ago, in the course of a speech: 'The chariot of Liberty is rolling along, gnashing its teeth as it rolls.'

To-day's

Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Company's Steamship

"HALOONG."

Captain Kouch, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFAIR & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1893.

To-day's

Advertisements.

A CONVERSAZIONE AND EXHIBITION TO-MORROW EVENING, April 27th, at 9 P.M., in the CITY HALL.

Under the auspices of the HONGKONG "ODD VOLUMES."

His Excellency Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON has kindly consented to open the CONVERSAZIONE.

The EXHIBITION will include the Exhibits to be sent to the IMPERIAL INSTITUTE, representing the resources of Hongkong.

AN INDIAN COURT, INDUSTRIAL, PHILOSOPHICAL, ETHNOLOGICAL, BOTANICAL, and GEOLOGICAL SECTIONS.

Private Collections of Curios, Works of Art, and Bric-a-Brac.

Industrial Exhibition to which the Gas, Electric Light, Telephone, Sugar, Brick and Cement and other Companies will contribute.

Collections of Silver-ware, Silk, Coins, Weapons, Models of Temples, Machinery and Vessels.

Scientific and other Instruments.

Glass making, Die Pressing, Steel Engraving, Book Binding and Stamping.

Photographic Exhibition.

&c., &c., &c.

By the kind permission of Col. RAVENHILL and Officers of the Shropshire Light Infantry, the BAND of the Regiment will be in attendance.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.

An admission of \$1 will be charged to cover expenses.

Tickets may be obtained at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and Messrs. KELLY AND WALSH, Ltd., on the door.

SIDNEY JEFFREY, Hon. Sec. "Odd Volumes."

Hongkong, 26th April, 1893. [490]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TACOMA," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1893. [4]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd May, at 3 P.M., at the ROOMS of the CHAMBER, CITY HALL, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee and passing the Secretary's Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1892.

F. HENDERSON, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1893. [507]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE SCHOONER "MONTIARA," AS SHE NOW LIES IN KOWLOON BAY.

Length 75 feet.
Beam 17 feet.
Depth of hold 7 1/2 feet.
Registered Tonnage 75 tons.

(Owing to recent alterations the carrying capacity of the *Montiara* has been increased to about 120 tons dead weight.)

The *Montiara* was built in Singapore, is most solidly constructed of teak throughout, with iron-wood frames, has recently been thoroughly overhauled under experienced European superintendence, and is now in excellent condition. She is a very fast sailer and a most suitable vessel for the Canton kerosene trade, or would make a first-class lighter.

For Particulars as to Price, &c., apply to

R. FRASER-SMITH, 6, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1893. [30]

FOR SALE.

THE ENGINES AND BOILER OF THE CHINESE GUNBOAT "CHOP-CHEUNG," AS THEY LIE AT ABERDEEN DOCK.

THE Engines of the *Chop-cheung* were constructed by Messrs. INGLIS & Co., of Wanchow, and are of the Compound Inverted Cylinder Direct-Acting Surface Condensing type. Cylinders 20 1/2 and 38" dia., with a stroke of 26". The Crank Shaft is 6 1/2" dia. at the Crank pin and 7" dia. at the Journals. The H.P. Piston Rod is 3" and 1 1/2" L.P. 3 1/2" dia. The Piston and Connecting Rod bolts are 2 1/2" dia. Air Pump 14 1/2" dia. by 13 stroke, Single Acting Circulating Pump 8" dia. by 13 stroke, and Double Acting Feed and Bilge Pump (each) 3" dia. by 13 stroke.

These Engines have been very little used and are in thoroughly good order.

The Boiler is of the Horizontal Multitubular type, with three Furnaces and vertical Dome on top. Its dia. is 10ft. 2" by 9ft. 10", external measurements; Furnaces, 2ft. 9" dia.; Dome, 4ft. 10" dia. by 4ft. 10" Tubes, 184 in number by 3" ex. dia. It is in fairly good condition, having recently undergone considerable repairs, and would last in active service for over five years.

The Engines and Boiler can be inspected on application to the Superintendent at Aberdeen Dock.

For further particulars, apply to

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Hongkong, 17th May, 1893. [30]

Notices of Firms.

A. E. SKEELS & Co.,

Telegraphic Address "SOBRINOS," Hongkong. (A.B.C. Code 4th Edition.)

AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS & GENERAL MERCHANTS.

No. 17, PRAYA CENTRAL, Under Messrs. Douglas Lafrank & Co.'s Office.

MR. SKEELS & Co. undertake Sales Privately, or by Auction, of any class of Goods of Property. Prompt Settlements Guaranteed. Immediate Cash advances on Goods for Auction.

Cargoes received for Storage, Insurances effected.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1893. [170]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, BRINSMEAD PIANO, ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c.

MESSRS. A. E. SKEELS & Co. have been favoured with instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON SATURDAY next, April 29th, 1893, commencing at 2.30 P.M. Sharp, AT THE AUCTION MART, 17, PRAYA CENTRAL, (removed for convenience of Sale), A LARGE QUANTITY OF NEW AND SECOND-HAND CABINET FURNITURE,

Comprising—HANDSOME DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, DINING and BED-ROOM SUITES, LEATHER COVERED SUITES, HALL and OFFICE FURNITURE, SIDEBOARDS and OVERMANTELS (with BEVEILLED GLASS), EXTENSION DINING TABLES, DINNER WAGGONS, DINING-ROOM CHAIRS, DINER SERVICES, COOKING STOVES, CURTAINS, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, CLOCKS, FENDERS and FIRE IRONS, BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS, WIRE WOVEN MATTRESSES, DRESSING TABLES, WASHSTANDS, TOILET SETS, COMMODES, SUGAR BATHS, &c., &c.

Also, A QUANTITY OF HALL & HOLIZ Shanghai made SOLID TEAK CABINET FURNITURE, returned from Hise.

ONE IRON FRAMED COTTAGE PIANO by BRINSMEAD, in good order, manufactured Specially for Hongkong.

Also, a consignment of VERY FINE ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, GLASS WARE, CUTLERY and PICTURES (GLASS and CHROMOS).

On view on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 27th, 28th and 29th April.

Catalogues at the Auction Mart, A. E. SKEELS & Co., Auctioneers & Valuers.

Auction Mart, 17, Praya Central, Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [491]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 130.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land, by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on MONDAY, the 1st day of May, 1893, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, G. T. M. O'BRIEN, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th March, 1893. [500]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 1st day of May, 1893, at 4 P.M., by Order of the Hon. the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 99 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

Lot	Area	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Area in Roods	Area in Poles	Area in Perches
1	1.331	W. 100 ft. (W. of 1st St.) S. 100 ft. (S. of 1st St.) E. 100 ft. (E. of 1st St.) N. 100 ft. (N. of 1st St.)	1.331	0	0	0

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Yokohama, 10th August, 1893. [46]

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PORPOISE-HIDE WATERPROOF BOOTS, RACE GLASSES WITH SLING CASES.

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CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1893.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY, PROPRIETOR.

Hotels.

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BEN. FRANKLIN TAYLOR, Proprietor.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1893. [389]

BAY VIEW HOTEL.

MR. OSBORNE begs to remind the Public that every possible arrangement has been made for the comfort and convenience of Visitors to this popular Summer Resort. "BAY VIEW" occupies the best situation on the Shaw-ki-wan Road, commands an excellent view of the Harbour, and is always open to the cool breezes from the Southward. Steam-launches can at any time come alongside the jetty adjoining the spacious lawn.

The Cuisine is unrivalled in Hongkong, and only the best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Cigars, and all kept in stock. Private Dinners or Trifles prepared in First-class style on the shortest notice, and Meals can be served at all hours.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1893. [480]

PEAK HOTEL.

OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

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SUMMER RATES.

One person, per day.....	4.00
One person, per week.....	25.00
One person, per month.....	80.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per day.....	7.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per week.....	45.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per month.....	120.00

For full particulars apply to VICTORIA HOTEL.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1893. [225]

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ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEHOLDERS' Hall, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 1st May, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1893. [106]

